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Harrisburg, Penn'a.  
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Dear Bill

It seems to have taken me quite a long while to get this information off to you but, as you know, I have been working on our kitchen and it has taken practically all of my spare time. The kitchen is not yet completed, however, I did get the record of daddy's family written by him in 1915 from Karl. I have read it over, it is quite lengthy and more in detail than necessary for your purpose. Therefore, I am picking out the important dates that might be of help to you if you get back to Germany. Although there is so little in the history of the early Waidlich family in Germany, it may not mean much to you in locating any living relatives over there. You must realize that my father, Henry L. Waidlich, was only 14 years old when he came to America and he knew very little other than that of his own immediate family. He says in this history that his father's name was John David Waidlich, born in the year 1794 in the Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

The town was called "Unterland". There were three brothers and one sister - one brother a teacher, who died quite young. The other brothers and sister he knew nothing about. (You realize these <sup>are</sup> brothers and sister to John David Waidlich). He remembers of the one brother being at his father's funeral, but he never came back afterwards so far as he could remember.

Grandfather (John David) was educated by the Government as a teacher and taught in the towns of Aichelberg, Hornsburg and Aichhalden, in the latter town of which he lived. He also taught in the town of Oberweiler. During the end of his days of teaching his health failed and he was given an assistant by the name of Christian Frederick Spring. He died Sunday afternoon August 20, 1856.

Grandfather (John David) was married about the age of 26 to Anna Maria ~~XXXXXX~~ Schaibley sometime in the year 1821. Grandmother lived in a town called Eberweiler. There were seven in the family, four girls and three boys. Daddy only remembers of seeing the one sister, she was married to a man named Kern. She was a widow, with three boys, one married, the other two Frederick and John, came to America when daddy did. These boys ~~xxxx~~ went West to Indiana and at the time of the Civil War, enlisted in the Army. Daddy saw both of them in Indiana during the year 1865-66. But lost track of them after that. Grandmother (Anna Maria) was born about the year 1801.

John David and Anna Maria had twelve children. Ernest Mathias was born May 29, 1822, in Oberweiler. Learned trade of blacksmith. He came to America in 1839, locating in Lancaster. He married Katharine Lehman, December 18, 1845, they had seven children - Anna Maria, Katharine, Barbara, Elizabeth, Rachel, David and Francis.

\* Frederick Christian, the second child, was born November 17, 1823. He learned the trade of cabinet maker, in the town of Neibert, and came to America, year unknown, with Christian David. He married Charlotte Hart, November 30, 1847, they had nine children - Anna Barbara, John David Scott, Emma Clarkson, Ernest Muhlenberg, Heister, Ellen, ~~XXX~~ Jene, Sahrah, <sup>Andrew</sup> William Coyle, Lulu Grayson. He died at the age of 56, on March 8, 1880.

*I'm not sure names of children are all correct*



The third child was Christian David, born December 12, 1824. He became a cabinet maker, and came to America with Frederick Christian, the second son. He was married first to Anna Moore in 1847, to which union ~~two~~ <sup>yeo two</sup> children were born - William H. and Mary Elizabeth. After the death of the first wife, he married a widow, Mrs. Bixby, her maiden name being Elizabeth Myer - no children were born to the second marriage. He was located in Columbia City, Indiana, passing away Sunday, April 13, 1902.

The fourth child was Jacob Karl born during the year 1826. He chose the trade of shoemaker. Very little is known about this brother, having gone to France after learning his trade, joining the French Army, and was sent to Africa. He was wounded, returning to France, after which no word was heard about him.

The fifth child was Gottlieb. He was born February 17, 1828. He chose the trade of locksmith, coming to America in the year 1845 or 1846, going to Lancaster with his brother Ernest. He was married on April 15, 1855, to Susanna Wilson. To this union three children were born, Anna, Katharine and Ida.

The sixth child was Mary born January 19, 1830. Came to America when she was 18 years old, going directly to Lafayette, Indiana, with the people she came to America. She married Frederick Newman, September 1850. They had a family of nine children.

The seventh child was John, born January 30, 1832. He came to America in 1852, going directly to Mercersburg. He was a cabinet maker. He married Marie Jane Spangler - there were four children, Anna Mary, Harry S. ~~and~~, Murray and Florence Kate. John died January 10, 1904.

The eighth was Eva Katharine, born in 1834. About the year 1853, she came to America, marrying Julius Zimmerman, who turned out to be a ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ widower with a family of children in Baltimore. They moved to Sedalia, Missouri, were in the hotel business. She died 1869. She left one child, boy named Henry. Eva Katharine had come to America with

The ninth child, Christina Barbara, born March 16, 1836. She came in 1853 with Eva Katharine. She married Valentine Zeigler, a carpenter, in June 1857. They had three children - Mollie, Katharine and John. She lived in Lafayette, Indiana, dying September 24, 1874.

The tenth child, ~~xxx~~ Eva Mary, born sometime during the year 1839. She was the only child who remained at home. She married John Michael Mast, a miller by trade, about the year 1863 or 1864. There was one child (so far as daddy knew) William Henry, of whom we have no further information. She died during the year 1869 or 1870.

The eleventh child, Agatha, born November 23, 1841. On May 21, 1857, she came to America. She went directly to Mercersburg, and in the Fall of the same year went to Lafayette, Indiana, marrying Fidel Myers, in February 1862. There were no children. The husband died January 24, 1872. Agatha was living at the time Daddy wrote this record.

(As I remember, and from a letter I have here, she died in 1928)

The twelfth child, Henry Ludwig, (who made this record) was born November 24, 1843, coming to America with his sister Agatha (above), May 21, 1857. He went directly to Mercersburg, and engaged in the carpenter business. He married Rebecca North May 23, 1872, there being six children -



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John Andrew, Mary Eva, Frederick Christian, Karl North, Agatha Myer,  
Jackson Spring.

You will note, as have, the similarity of first names, but evidently this was more or less the custom of the country. I don't know if this information will be of help to you or not but it may be of some help in locating relatives in Germany, if there are any remaining.

Maude and I did appreciate your calling to see us and would be glad at any future time to have you bring your wife around to see us if the opportunity presents itself.

With best wishes for the future and with kindest regards,

Sincerely

J/M

*Jackson L. Waidlich*

PS: My father, Henry L. Waidlich, the one who ~~xxxxx~~ compiled this record, died April 11, 1927 and brother John died six days later of the same year, April 17, 1927. Mother died June 30, 1928.

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